

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

6pm Mass (Sat) *Tom Nyland RIP*

9am Mass *People of the Parish*

10.45am Mass *Brian Johnson RIP*

6pm Mass *Sr. Mary DeLourdes RIP*

(Preston Hall) 9am Mass *David Conaghan RIP*

(Wateringbury) 10.30am Ordinariate Mass *Holy Souls*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

10.30am Funeral Mass – *Patrick Kearney RIP*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30am Mass *Marianne Esther Corfe RIP*

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30am Mass *In reparation for abortions in Brewer Street*

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30am Mass *Charles Johnstone RIP*

4.30pm Mass *Terry Free RIP*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30am Mass *Teresa Dias De Franca RIP*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am Mass *Antonina's welfare In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

3.00pm Myro Salabar Mass

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

6.00pm Mass *People of the Parish*

9.00am Mass *Leslie Wood RIP*

10.45am Mass *Sr Christobel Fonseca RIP*

6.00pm Mass *K.J. Thomas RIP*

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# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B)



‘...And they offered gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.’ (Matthew 2:11)

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Ordinariate Priest: Fr. Paul Gibbons (Wateringbury)  
Deacons: Rev. Ian Black; Rev. Tom Coyle

**Confessions:** Monday – Friday 10am-10.15am  
Saturday 10.30am – 11.15am; 5.30pm – 5.45pm

**Christmas Gratitude:** We would like to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations go so beautifully. It was the first Christmas for all three priests and your help and guidance was much needed, so Thank you. Our thanks to all who clean and maintain to keep the church safe and fresh for the hundreds that came to our Christmas Masses; the beautiful flowers and crib creators so we can feel an atmosphere of joy and serenity in our church at this time; to all who administrate to get the booklets/leaflets all ready so we can all join in with the services; the ministries of reader, communion, altar serving and music who are so generous in their time and dedicated to allow our Masses go smoothly and joyfully. Also our thanks for the cards, gifts and for your generous Christmas Offering of around £7,700. Our first Christmas here has felt very special and we appreciate your warmth and acceptance.

**St Luke's Chapel:** It is with great excitement that we can announce that work in the Chapel at Preston Hall is well under way with redecorating, repairing and re-carpeting almost complete. The big issue was, of course, needing to implant proper damp proofing which has been done inside the chapel but needs to be done outside. This however should not interfere with our moving back into the chapel which therefore means that hopefully by the beginning of February we should be able to celebrate Mass back in the chapel. I know this will mean great joy and relief to many people who attend there. We owe a great amount of thanks for your patience as this has all taken longer than we first intended. Thank you too for the regular faithfuls who looked after the various furniture and equipment in their own homes and got the room ready for Mass week after week. All that extra effort needed will now be drawing to a close.

**Parish Lottery:** There was no prize giving this week as under the changes made the first winner will be announced in week 5 in the beginning of February. Could members please ensure that their subscriptions are paid before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. New members are welcome and you can still join in time for the draw. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church with information regarding our Parish Lottery. Our deepest gratitude for those willingly give their time every week to organise and smoothly run our parish lottery.

**R.C.I.A** Our next meeting shall be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Lectio Divina:** This is a monthly invitation to come to the Church and sit in silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with moments of reflection on the Gospel for the following Sunday being read to us. The next meeting in the church is Wednesday 10th January 7.30pm

**Requiem Mass:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am is a Requiem Mass for Patrick Kearney. May he rest in peace.

**Getting Married:** If you are planning to get married in the Catholic Church this coming year, whether in St. Francis Church or anywhere else and you live in our parish then you must inform one of the clergy and begin your preparation with 6 months notice. Our parish has the responsibility for dealing with your preparation and the Parish Priest must give the permission if you are to be married elsewhere.

**1st Collection 24<sup>th</sup> December:** £ 1,233.24

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection 31<sup>st</sup> December:** £1,352.30

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 31<sup>st</sup> December DDF** £396.18

Thank you for your generosity

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today:** Church and Hall Development Fund

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week:** Crib Offering for Southwark Catholic

Children's Crisis Fund